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CHAMPION STORM THE COURT TOPS 347 EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020) – Led by 2-year-old champion and upset Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner **Storm the Court**, a total of 347 3-year-old Thoroughbreds were made eligible to compete in this year's Triple Crown during the early nomination phase, which closed Jan. 25.

Each of the 347 horses from the 2017 foal crop was made eligible through a \$600 payment to compete in any of the Triple Crown contests: the 146th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on May 2 at Churchill Downs (1 ¼ miles); the 145th running of the \$1.5 million Preakness Stakes (GI) on May 16 at Pimlico Race Course (1 3/16 miles); and the 152nd running of the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI) on June 6 at Belmont Park (1 ½ miles).

The total slipped 4.1%, or 15 horses, from last year's 362 that were nominated at the early stage.

Storm the Court, owned by **Exline-Border Racing LLC**, **David A. Bernsen**, **Susanna Wilson** and **Dan Hudock**, could make his 3-year-old debut in Sunday's \$200,000 San Vicente (GII) over seven furlongs at Santa Anita. Trained by **Peter Eurton**, the Kentucky-bred son of Court Vision improved his record to 4-2-0-1—\$1,172,951 when he scored a head victory over fellow Triple Crown nominee **Anneau d'Or** at odds of 45-1 in the Nov. 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (GI) at Santa Anita.

Other prominent nominees include stakes winners **Authentic** (Sham); **Basin** (Hopeful); **Chance It** (Mucho Macho Man); **Dennis' Moment** (Iroquois); **Eight Rings** (American Pharaoh); **Enforceable** (Lecomte); **Gold Street** (Sugar Bowl and Smarty Jones); **Green Light Go** (Saratoga Special); **High Velocity** (Bob Hope); **Independence Hall** (Nashua and Jerome); **Liam's Lucky Charm** (Pasco); **Max Player** (Withers); **Maxfield** (Breeders' Futurity); **Mischief** (Swale); **Shoplifted** (Springboard Mile); **Shotski** (Remsen); **Silver Prospector** (Kentucky Jockey Club); **Structor** (Pilgrim and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf); **Thousand Words** (Los Alamitos Futurity and Robert B. Lewis); and **Tiz the Law** (Champagne and Holy Bull).

Ajaaweed, **American Theorem**, **Answer In As Seen On Tv**, **Azul Coast**, **Blackberry Wine**, **Candy Tycoon**, **Caracaro**, **Carpe Omnia**, **Cost Basis**, **Digital**, **Disc Jockey**, **Dreams Untold**, **Ete Indien**, **Exaulted**, **Farmington Road**, **Gouverneur Morris**, **Great Power**, **Honor A. P.**, **Lane Way**, **Mailman Money**, **Major Fed**, **Market Analysis**, **Mr. Monomoy**, **Nadal**, **Palm Springs**, **Portos**, **Premier Star**, **Royal Act**, **Silver Ratio**, **Silver State**, **Three Technique**, **Toledo**, **Violent City**, **War Stopper**, **Wells Bayou** and **West Sider** are just some of the numerous well-meant prospects that also were made eligible for the series.

Todd Pletcher, a two-time winner of the Kentucky Derby and three-time winner of the Belmont, led all trainers with 26 nominations. Hall of Fame conditioners **Steve Asmussen**, who has won three Triple Crown races, and **Bob Baffert**, a winner of a record 15 classics – were next with 21 and 19 nominees, respectively.

Brad Kelley's Calumet Farm led all owners with 13 nominations. **Godolphin** was the leading breeder with nine nominees.

First-crop sire **American Pharaoh**, who swept the 2015 Triple Crown, was the leading sire with 15 offspring nominated. **Uncle Mo** was next with 13 and was followed by **Into Mischief** (12), **Constitution** (10), **Liam's Map** (10), **Curlin** (9) and **Tapit** (9).

Seven fillies were nominated, including three-time stakes winner **Finite** and unbeaten **Taraz**, who comfortably won the Letellier Memorial at Fair Grounds and Martha Washington at Oaklawn.

The nominees also include 35 horses based outside North America, including a significant 20 from Japan – up from four last year – led by Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun winner **Vacation** (JPN) and Cattleya Sho winner **Dieu du Vin** (JPN). Also, 11 horses were nominated from Ireland, including six from power-house trainer **Aidan O'Brien**, led by Juddmonte Royal Lodge (GII) winner **Royal Dornoch** (IRE), and another three from his son **Joseph**.

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Horses not nominated to the Triple Crown during the early phase can be made eligible at www.thetriplecrown.com for \$6,000 during the late nomination period which continues through March 30. If not nominated by that date, horses can become eligible through payment of a supplemental nomination fee due at the time of entry for either the Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$150,000) or Belmont (\$50,000).

Thirteen horses have swept the Triple Crown series: **Sir Barton** (1919), **Gallant Fox** (1930), **Omaha** (1935), **War Admiral** (1937), **Whirlaway** (1941), **Count Fleet** (1943), **Assault** (1946), **Citation** (1948), **Secretariat** (1973), **Seattle Slew** (1977), **Affirmed** (1978), **American Pharoah** (2015) and **Justify** (2018).

TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATION HISTORY

Year	Early Noms	Late Noms	Total Noms	NA Foal Crop	% of Foal Crop
2020	347	-	347	22,500*	1.5%
2019	362	4	366	22,572	1.6%
2018	360	10	370	23,004	1.6%
2017	419	6	425	22,992	1.8%
2016	368	9	377	23,246	1.6%
2015	429	9	438	23,541	1.9%
2014	414	10	424	24,939	1.7%
2013	369	13	382	28,419	1.4%
2012	398	20	418	32,364	1.3%
2011	364	13	377	35,274	1.1%
2010	366	6	372	37,499	1.0%
2009	401	11	412	38,104	1.1%
2008	449	11	460	38,365	1.2%
2007	450	10	460	37,949	1.2%
2006	426	14	440	37,067	1.2%
2005	358	14	372	35,978	1.0%
2004	434	14	448	37,901	1.2%
2003	446	8	454	37,755	1.2%
2002	405	12	417	36,929	1.1%
2001	440	7	447	36,021	1.2%
2000	387	13	400	35,143	1.1%
1999	396	11	407	35,366	1.2%
1998	384	6	390	34,983	1.1%
1997	375	13	388	35,341	1.1%
1996	354	7	361	37,140	1.0%
1995	317	7	324	38,438	0.8%
1994	354	9	363	41,804	0.9%
1993	342	25	367	44,143	0.8%
1992	389	18	407	48,235	0.8%
1991	369	8	377	49,221	0.8%
1990	315	33	348	50,917	0.7%
1989	381	13	394	51,296	0.8%
1988	381	20	401	50,430	0.8%
1987	398	24	422	49,241	0.9%
1986	422	30	452	47,236	1.0%

GENDER	2020	
Colts	316	91.1%
Geldings	21	6.1%
Fillies	7	2.0%
Ridglings	3	0.9%
TOTAL	347	

COLOR	2020	
Bay	183	52.7%
Dark Bay/Brown	83	23.9%
Chestnut	53	15.3%
Gray/Roan	27	7.8%
Black	1	0.3%
TOTAL	347	

BIRTHPLACE	2020	
(United States)		
Kentucky	274	79.0%
Florida	16	4.6%
New York	11	3.2%
Maryland	6	1.7%
California	3	0.9%
Louisiana	3	0.9%
Virginia	3	0.9%
New Mexico	1	0.3%
Oklahoma	1	0.3%
Pennsylvania	1	0.3%
TOTAL	319	91.9%

BIRTHPLACE	2020	
(International)		
Japan	12	3.5%
Ireland	8	2.3%
Ontario, Canada	5	1.4%
France	2	0.6%
Australia	1	0.3%
TOTAL	28	8.1%

CAREER EARNINGS LEADERS	
Storm the Court	\$1,172,951
Structor	\$709,500
Vacation (JPN)	\$499,874
Tiz the Law	\$498,900
Finite (f)	\$458,349
Chance It	\$444,910
Shoplifted	\$400,500
Anneau d'Or	\$399,000
Maxfield	\$354,412
Liam's Lucky Charm	\$338,800

GRADE/GROUP I WINNERS (7)

Basin (Hopeful)
 Eight Rings (American Pharaoh)
 Maxfield (Breeders' Futurity)
 Mkfancy (FR) (Criterium de Saint Cloud)
 Storm the Court (Breeders' Cup Juvenile)
 Structor (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf)
 Tiz the Law (Champagne)

GRADE/GROUP II WINNERS (6)

Finite (f) (Golden Rod)
 Green Light Go (Saratoga Special)
 Royal Dornoch (IRE) (Royal Lodge)
 Shotski (Remsen)
 Silver Prospector (Kentucky Jockey Club)
 Thousand Words (Los Alamitos Futurity)

GRADE/GROUP III WINNERS (11)

Authentic (Sham)
 By Your Side (Sanford)
 Chapalu (Grey)
 Dennis' Moment (Iroquois)
 Enforceable (Lecomte)
 Fighting Seabee (With Anticipation)
 High Velocity (Bob Hope)
 Independence Hall (Nashua)
 Max Player (Withers)
 Mischievous Alex (Swale)
 Phantom Boss (Bashford Manor)

GRADE/GROUP I PLACED (9)

American Theorem (American Pharaoh)
 Anneau d'Or (Breeders' Cup Juvenile)
 Big City Bob (Champagne)
 Gear Jockey (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf)
 Gouverneur Morris (Breeders' Futurity)
 Green Light Go (Champagne)
 Monarch of Egypt (Phoenix)
 Shoplifted (Hopeful)
 Wrecking Crew (Del Mar Futurity/Breeders' Cup Juvenile)

GRADE/GROUP II PLACED (7)

Ajaaweed (Remsen)
 Chase Tracker (Remsen)
 Finnick the Fierce (Kentucky Jockey Club)
 Fore Left (Best Pal)
 Fort Myers (Railway)
 Scabbard (Saratoga Special)
 Shekhem (IRE) (Beresford)

GRADE/GROUP III PLACED (14)

Azul Coast (Sham)
 Ete Indien (Holy Bull)
 Goliad (Cecil B. DeMille)
 Meru (Nashua)
 Mr. Monomoy (Lecomte)
 Our Country (Pilgrim)
 Portos (Withers)
 Rowdy Yates (Bashford Manor)
 Royal Act (Robert B. Lewis)
 Shivaree (Swale)
 Silver State (Lecomte)
 Toledo (Holy Bull)
 Verb (Bashford Manor)
 Zimba Warrior (Bob Hope/Sham)

FILLIES (7)

Clepat (f)
Finite (f)
Johnnie Merle (IRE) (f)
Karakontieparadise (f)
Pleasant Orb (f)
Spice Is Nice (f)
Taraz (f)

WINTER BASE

Florida	102	29.4%
California	60	17.3%
Louisiana	35	10.1%
(no recent races/workouts)	33	9.5%
Arkansas	30	8.6%
Japan	20	5.8%
New York	17	4.9%
Ireland	12	3.5%
Kentucky	11	3.2%
Central Florida	6	1.7%
Maryland	5	1.4%
New Mexico	4	1.2%
Pennsylvania	4	1.2%
Texas	3	0.9%
Dubai	1	0.3%
England	1	0.3%
France	1	0.3%
Mexico	1	0.3%
Northern California	1	0.3%

BASED OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA (35)**Dubai (1)**

Laser Show (IRE) Saeed bin Suroor

England (1)

Mishriff (IRE) John Gosden

France (1)

Mkfancy (FR) Pia Brandt

Japan (20)

American Baby (JPN)	Yasushi Shono
American Face	Hirofumi Toda
American Seed	Kenichi Fujioka
Café Pharoah	Noriyuki Hori
Clepat (f)	Yoshito Yahagi
Corral Nocturne (JPN)	Hideaki Fujiwara
Daimei Corrida (JPN)	Naoyuki Morita
Danon Pharoah (JPN)	Yoshito Yahagi
Dieu du Vin (JPN)	Yukihiro Kato
Fire Lance (JPN)	Yoshiyasu Takahashi
Full Flat	Hideyuki Mori
Hishi Taizan (JPN)	Koichi Tsunoda
Longonot (JPN)	Mizuki Takayanagi
Nile River	Hideaki Fujiwara
Pingxiang	Hideyuki Mori
Tagano Beauty (JPN)	Masato Nishizono
Ugo (JPN)	Ryo Takahashi
Vacation (JPN)	Kenichi Takatsuki
Vorst (JPN)	Hiroshi Miyamoto
Yaugau (JPN)	Naosuke Sugai

Ireland (11)

Battle of Liege	Aidan O'Brien
Choice of Mine (AUS)	Joseph O'Brien
Coltor (IRE)	Dermot Weld
Dances With Stars (IRE)	Joseph O'Brien
Dune of Pilat (FR)	Joseph O'Brien
Fort Meyers	Aidan O'Brien
King of Athens	Aidan O'Brien
Monarch of Egypt	Aidan O'Brien
New World Tapestry	Aidan O'Brien
Royal Dornoch (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien
Shekhem (IRE)	Dermot Weld

Mexico (1)

Mexican Wonder Boy Fausto Gutierrez

AUCTION PURCHASE PRICE

Chestertown	\$2,000,000	OBSMAR19
Believe Now	\$1,400,000	KEESEP18
Hero d'Oro	\$1,200,000	FTFMAR19
Pellar Tate	\$1,200,000	OBSMAR19
Snap Chap	\$1,200,000	KEESEP18
Spice Is Nice (f)	\$1,050,000	KEESEP18
Palm Springs	\$1,000,000	KEESEP18
Thousand Words	\$1,000,000	KEESEP18
Money Moves	\$975,000	OBSAPR19
Five Tool Player	\$900,000	OBSMAR19
Wrecking Crew	\$875,000	FTFMAR19
Forever Poe	\$850,000	EASMAY19
Honor A. P.	\$850,000	FTSAUG18
Structor	\$850,000	OBSMAR19
American Seed	\$825,000	KEESEP18
Shoplifted	\$800,000	FTFMAR19
Nile River	\$775,000	FTFMAR19
Extraordinary	\$750,000	KEESEP18
Monarch of Egypt	\$750,000	KEESEP18
Or'effice	\$725,000	KEESEP18
17 (Argent Affair)	\$700,000	FTFMAR19
Charlatan	\$700,000	KEESEP18
Nadal	\$700,000	FTFMAR19

MISCELLANEOUS (2020)

Winners	211	60.8%
Maidens	136	39.2%
Unraced Horses	59	17.0%
Did Not Races at age 2	91	26.2%

TRAINERS

Todd Pletcher	26
Steve Asmussen	21
Bob Baffert	19
Keith Desormeaux	9
Chad Brown	8
Bill Mott	8
D. Wayne Lukas	7
Richard Mandella	7
Ian Wilkes	7
Mark Hennig	6
Jimmy Jerkens	6
Mike Maker	6
Aidan O'Brien	6
Brad Cox	5
Enebish Ganbat	5
Kenny McPeek	5
Linda Rice	5
Richard Baltas	4
Bret Calhoun	4
Mark Casse	4
Don Chatlos	4
Gustavo Delgado	4
Saffie Joseph Jr.	4
John Servis	4

OWNERS (includes partnerships)

Calumet Farm	13
Madaket Stables LLC	10
Charles Fipke	9
WinStar Farm LLC	9
China Horse Club	8
Godolphin LLC	8
Starlight Racing	7
Frederick Hertrich III	6
Golconda Stables	6
Magnier/Tabor/Smith	6
SF Racing	6
Bourbon Lane Stable	5
Centennial Farms	5
Don Alberto Stable	5
John D. Fielding	5
Mongolian Stable	5
Ken & Sarah Ramsey	5
Spendthrift Farm LLC	5
C R K Stable LLC	4
Cash is King LLC	4
Courtlandt Farms	4
OXO Equine LLC	4
St. Elias Stable	4
Gary & Mary West	4
Winchell Thoroughbreds	4

BREEDERS (includes partnerships)

Godolphin	9
Charles Fipke	8
Don Alberto Corporation	7
WinStar Farm	7
Machmer Hall	6
Stonestreet	6
Calumet Farm	5
Sierra Farm	5
Courtlandt Farm	4

LEADING Sires

American Pharoah	15
Uncle Mo	13
Into Mischief	12
Constitution	10
Liam's Map	10
Curlin	9
Tapit	9
Medaglia d'Oro	8
Street Sense	8
Twirling Candy	8
Honor Code	7
Speightstown	7
War Front	7
Candy Ride (ARG)	6
Quality Road	6
Bernardini	5
Bodemesiter	5
Carpe Diem	5
Declaration of War	5
Hard Spun	5
Khozan	5
More Than Ready	5
Pioneerof the Nile	5
Tiznow	5
Violence	5
Blame	4
Cross Traffic	4
Goldencents	4
Lookin At Lucky	4
Malibu Moon	4
Palace Malice	4
Shackleford	4
Tonalist	4
Union Rags	4

Statistics updated through Feb. 2, 2020

2020 TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

(g) = gelding

(r) = ridgling

(f) = filly

Unnamed

(17) Argent Affair
 (17) Fashion Storm
 (17) Kittery Point
 (17) Sheza Smoke Show

A

Airstream
 Ajaaweed
 All Eyes West
 Alpha Sixty Six
 Amen Corner
 American Baby (JPN)
 American Butterfly
 American Code
 American Face
 American Seed
 American Theorem (r)
 Americanus
 Ancient Land (g)
 Ancient Warrior
 Anneau d'Or
 Answer In (g)
 Art Collector
 As Seen On Tv
 Astaire
 Atone
 Attachment Rate
 August Indy
 Authentic
 Awakened
 Azul Coast

B

Background (g)
 Bango
 Bank
 Basin
 Battle of Liege
 Beachcombing
 Believe Now
 Big City Bob
 Blackberry Wine
 Blanket of Roses
 Blazin Bode
 Boating Party

Bonspiel
 Bourbon Bay
 Bourbon Street
 Bourbon Wisdom
 Brother Brad
 By Your Side
 Bye Bye Melvin

C

Cafe Pharaoh
 Candy Machine
 Candy Tycoon
 Caracaro
 Carpe Omnia
 Censored
 Centurion
 Cernan
 Chamberlain
 Chance It
 Chapalu
 Charlatan
 Chase Tracker
 Chestertown
 Chinggis Khan
 Choice of Mine (AUS)
 Churn N Burn (g)
 Clepat (f)
 Close Shave
 Code Runner
 Coltor (IRE)
 Coming Up Roses
 Convict
 Cool Devil
 Cool Runnings
 Corral Nocturne
 Cost Basis
 Country Grammer
 Cross Court
 Crypto Cash
 Czechmight

D

Daimei Corrida (JPN)
 Dances With Stars (IRE)
 Danon Pharaoh (JPN)
 Dennis' Moment
 Deviant
 Dieu du Vin (JPN)
 Digital
 Disc Jockey

Distant Vista (IRE) (g)
 Distorted Sky
 Disturbin Bourbon (g)
 Divine Armor
 Doctrinaire
 Don Bourbon
 Double Crown (g)
 Dr Post
 Dreamonmebaby
 Dreams Untold (g)
 Dudley Square
 Dune of Pilat (FR)

E

Earner
 Eddy Forever
 Eight Rings
 Ellis Island
 Elusive Ruler
 Encoder
 Energizer
 Enforceable
 Ete Indien
 Exaulted
 Excession
 Explosive
 Express Pharaoh
 Express Train
 Extraordinary

F

Fame to Famous
 Fancy Liquor
 Fantastic Day
 Farmington Road
 Farragut
 Fast Enough (g)
 Fifty Cents (g)
 Fifty Grand
 Fighting Seabee
 Finite (f)
 Finnick the Fierce (g)
 Fire Lance (JPN)
 First Line (g)
 Five Tool Player
 Fore Left
 Forever Poe
 Fort Knox
 Fort Myers
 Forza Di Oro

Fredericktown
Friar's Road
Fried Rice King
Full Flat

G
Gear Jockey
Gimme Some Mo
Goalie
Gold Street
Goliad
Gouverneur Morris
Great Power
Green Light Go
Greenback
Greenbrier
Guaco

H
Hail to the Chief
Halo Again
Hero d'Oro
High Holy
High Velocity
Hishi Taizan (JPN)
Hit the Road
Hollywoodhellraiser (g)
Holy Muchacho
Honor A. P. (r)

I
Idol
If Id Told You
Ima Pharaoh
Independence Hall
Informative
Inter Miami
Invader

J
Jess Mo
Johnnie Merle (IRE) (f)
Juggernaut
Jungle Runner

K
Kanderel
Karakontieparadise (f)
Kentucky Summer
Kid Mercury (g)
King Ashoka
King Khozan
King of Athens
Kingmeister
Kowalski

L
Laddie Liam
Lane Way
Laser Show (IRE)
Letmeno
Liam's Lucky Charm
Life On the Road
Life On Top
Longonot (JPN)
Lucky Asset
Lynn's Map

M
Magic Mojo
Mailman Money
Major Fed
Market Analysis
Marvin
Masterday
Mastering
Max Player
Maxfield
Mayberry Deputy
Merchants of Cool (g)
Meru
Mexican Wonder Boy
Mine Not Mine
Mischiefous Alex
Mishriff (IRE)
Mister Candy Ride
Mkfancy (FR)
Mo Mosa
Modernist
Monarch of Egypt
Monday Morning Qb
Money Moves
Mongol Altai
Mongolian Halo
Mongolian Kingdom
Mongolian Point (g)
Montauk Traffic
Moon Over Miami
Moonlander
Mr. Big News
Mr. Hustle
Mr. Kringle
Mr. Monomoy
Myamanoi

N
Nadal
Necker Island
New Eagle
New World Tapestry
Next Revolt
Nile River

No Parole
No Salt
No Shirt No Shoes
Ny Traffic

O
Oorah
Or'effice
Our Country
Ournationonparade (g)

P
Palm Springs
Paradise Forever
Party Town
Patrol
Pellar Tate
Perfect Revenge
Phantom Boss
Pharoah Cat
Pingxiang
Play the Wildcard (g)
Pleasant Orb (f)
Poe
Portos
Positively Awesome
Precise Dancer
Premier Star
Prince of Pharaohs
Prodigious Bay

Q
Quality Warrior

R
Ra'ad
Rag Tag
Ready Reward
Ready Soul
Ready to Roll
Relentless Dancer
Reprobate
Ronithelimodriver
Rowdy Yates
Royal Act
Royal Dornoch (IRE)
Ryan's Cat

S
Santos Dumont
Saratogian
Say When
Scabbard
Screech
Secret Camelot
Secret Rules

Seize the Day
Semper Fi
Sharecropper
Shashashakemeup
Shekhem (IRE)
Shirl's Speight
Shivaree
Shoplifted
Shotski
Silent Fury
Silver Prospector
Silver Ratio
Silver State
Snap Chap
Sole Volante (g)
Something Natural
Sonneman
Soros
Sounion
South Bend
Spa City
Special Day
Spice Is Nice (f)
Steely Danza
Stock Deal
Storm the Court
Striking Speed (g)
Structor
Sturgill
Summer Kid
Super John
Sycamore Run

U
Ugo (JPN)
Unrighteous
Untitled

V
Vacation (JPN)
Vasariano
Verb
Veteran
Villainous
Violent City
Vorst (JPN)

W
War Stopper
Weekend in Court
Wells Bayou
Went
West Sider
Western Smoke
Will Sing for Wine
Woopigsooie
Wrecking Crew (r)

Y
Yaugau (JPN)

Z
Zimba Warrior

T
Tagano Beauty (JPN)
Taishan
Talkin Malice
Taraz (f)
Telephone Talker
The Big Kahuna
The Falcon
The Stiff
Thirsty Junior (g)
Thousand Words
Three Technique
Thunder Code
Time to Testify
Tiz Rye Time
Tiz the Law
Tizamagician
Toledo
Tons of Gold
Top Draw